

## Town of Bluffton Business License NEWS & INFORMATION

## **LOCAL PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION**

The Town of Bluffton promotes participation of local firms in the overall procurement process, with an emphasis on Town purchasing and contracting. Local vendors are encouraged to sign up for the Local Preference Certification as part of the annual Business License renewal process starting today with the mailing of renewal and certification forms to hundreds of businesses.

According to the Town of Bluffton Purchasing Ordinance, a firm can receive Local Preference Certification if it has held a Town Business License for at least two years and it maintains a local office in Beaufort County. A majority of the firm's employees, officers, and managers must regularly conduct work at this location. Also, the office must be properly licensed for commercial operations, open to the public, and compliant with local zoning requirements.

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